

Unit 8. Nuyakuk River Corridor

Background

Land Status. Most of the lower portion of the unit is owned by Koliganek Natives Ltd. Most of the upper portion of the unit is owned by the state. The upper portion of the unit is adjacent to Wood-Tikchik State Park. The Nuyakuk River is navigable; the state owns the shorelands. Thirteen Native allotments are located in the unit.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Nuyakuk River extends for 29 miles.

Access. The corridor is easily accessible by motorboat, floatplane, and snowmobile. Much of the floating access originates from Wood-Tikchik State Park. A rapids in the park makes motorboat access difficult to and from Tikchik Lake; however, the river is used as a travel corridor to the lake system. The unit is about a one-hour flight from Dillingham.

Existing Development. One cabin and an ADF&G fish counting camp are located in the unit.

Fisheries. The Nuyakuk is a major sockeye migration route in the study area. The river supports good sport fishing for rainbow trout and sockeye and coho salmon fishing.

Subsistence fishing use is moderate. Sport fishing use is moderate and is associated with floating or commercial fly-in use.

Wildlife. Density of moose is moderate; density of caribou is low.

Subsistence moose hunting use is moderate and takes place mostly during the winter. Sport hunting for moose is moderate, increasing, and is usually associated with floating or dropoffs at small lakes. Subsistence and sport hunting for caribou are low.

Trails and Easements. The following 17(b) easements are located in this unit: EIN 28 and 28a. (Refer to the maps in the envelope in the back of this document for descriptions of these easements.)

Other Values. Scenic values are moderate because of high landscape diversity near the river. Floating use is moderate and increasing. Much of the floating use is guided and originates in Wood-Tikchik State Park. Upper portions of the river include Class I whitewater. The unit is used for trapping in the winter by local residents.

Management Intent

Semi-primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Trapping cabins	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Boat storage	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Airstrip development	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Docks: permanent	May be allowed (case-by-case).
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Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U8.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U8.2 Siting Criteria. Uses will be sited to minimize evidence of human use.

Public Use Sites

None.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.